Formulation of Rural Energy Policy

761. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the energy requirements in rural areas and have formulated any Rural Energy Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps taken to improve the working of Delhi Hospitals

762. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Expert Committee on Hospital policies set up by Government in the wake of the death of a diplomat in a Delhi Hospital due to AIDS has severely criticised the working conditions and injection control measures in the hospitals;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the findings of the Expert Committee; and

(c) what decisions have been taken by Government to improve the working and for maintaining hygenic conditions in the Delhi hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) Yes, a Group of Experts was constituted to review hospital procedures on care of HIV (Human Immune Deficiency Virus) infected persons. The Group made the following recommendations:

—dead-bodies of all the case of infectious diseases like AIDS, rabies, hepatitis, measles etc. should be put in double polythene bag and sealed. The tags indicating the name of the deceased and infectivity of the body should be placed both on the body as well as on polythene bag.

—while performing post-mortem/embalming galves and, gum boots should be used by the staff and the staff should be properly immunised periodically against infectious diseases.

—a common proforma should be developed for embalming the body of cases of infectious diseases.

An infection central committee has been made functional in four designated hospitals in metropolitan cities. Training courses have been/are being organised for training of medical, para-medical and laboratory staff of these designated hospitals. The Directorate General of Health Services has issued detailed guidelines to State Health Directors/Medical Colleges regarding handling and disposal of dead bodies of AIDS cases, Care of HIV infected persons and prevention of accidental infection in hospitals.

Spread of AIDS in Manipur

763. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report regarding growing drug addiction in the State of Manipur and the spreading of AIDS virus by the drug addicts there;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any critical study of the situation in the State of Manipur; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY